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PRESS RELEASE: One Misawa Member Confirmed with COVID-19

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan – One individual in the Misawa Air Base community tested positive for COVID-19. The current number of active cases at Misawa Air Base is one.

The member tested positive for COVID following travel to Osaka, and was placed in isolation. The 35th Medical Group Public Health office conducted contact tracing. One close contact of the member was identified, and subsequently tested negative for COVID.

Additionally, due to a COVID case rate assessment on 4 April, the installation commander placed Osaka, Hyogo, Nara and Kyoto Prefectures off-limits for Misawa AB personnel.

U.S. Forces Japan also remains at a heightened level of alert and maintains a public health emergency, which applies to all personnel.

Actions required by units within USFJ during this elevated health protection status include:

- Limiting or cancelling in-person meetings, training events, formations, large social gatherings, etc.
- Monitoring conditions in areas near U.S. facilities and areas and close coordination with local health officials.
- Encouraging strict hygiene measures, including frequent handwashing and wiping down common surface areas on a regular basis.
- Implementing health screening measures at points of entry onto installations.
- Maintain a close-contact log to improve contact tracing in the event a member becomes ill with COVID-19, and to quickly isolate other potential contacts.

For up-to-date information, please continue to monitor the USFJ Facebook, @USForcesJapan, as well as Misawa AB Facebook, @MisawaAirBase.

Updates from the Centers for Disease Control are available here:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/coronavirus-japan>

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo has additional information available here:

<https://jp.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/covid-19-information/>